

Deer Trustee Report (DTR) Implementation Meeting

June 29th, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

UW-Stevens Point, Dreyfus University Center
1015 Reserve St., Stevens Point

Room Assignments:

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Action Team Room 223
Herd Health/Chronic Wasting Disease Action Team Laird Rm - Center
Regulations & Season Structure Action Team Laird Rm - North
Science & Research Action Team Laird Rm - South

10:00 – 12:00 **Action Team Meetings** - The following recommendations from the DTR are scheduled for implementation proposal development, time permitting. Specific timing may vary.

- **DMAP – Continue DMAP concept develop with specific focus on the key components of the program and finalize decision points of the draft program.**
 - D.4. We recommend implementation of a statewide DMAP program; and, nowhere is such a program needed more than in the DMZ.
 - G. 1. Implement a Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP).
 - **Herd Health/CWD – Develop and finalize implementation proposals for:**
 - B.8. Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zone.
 - B.10. Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone.
 - **Regulations & Season Structure – Consider clarification and revision of the implementation proposals for the following DTR Recommendations.**
 - B.10. Maintain the Bonus Buck Regulation in CWD Zone
 - B.11. Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process.
 - B.12. Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.
 - I.1. We feel the Conservation Congress must have a more active role in deer management decision-making at the local level.
 - **Science & Research - Review and finalize implementation proposals for:**
 - A.1. Limit the use of SAK/accounting style models monitoring deer population size and trends at the state and regional levels.
 - D.8. WDNR should work closely (through the local biologist) with the Conservation Congress in developing goals and strategies at the county level. We feel use of human dimensions research to anticipate, rather than reacting to issues as they arise would be very effective.
 - D.9. We feel use of human dimensions research to anticipate, rather than reacting to issues as they arise would be very effective.
- Begin discussing:
- A.4. Develop a set of metrics to monitor progress towards the DMU goal of increasing, stabilizing, or decreasing population density.
 - E.2. Each field biologist should be required to organize and conduct at least one field necropsy study each year, conducted along with cooperators and volunteers during late winter.

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

(Compare and discuss proposals informally between Action Teams as time permits)

1:00 – 2:45

Action Team Meetings – The following recommendations from the DTR are scheduled for implementation proposal development however time constraints may limit addressing all of them.

- **DMAP**

- Continue fine-tuning the components of DMAP and consider the development of specific instruments for implementation.

- **Herd Health/CWD – Develop and finalize implementation proposals for:**

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- **Regulations & Season Structure – Consideration of “parking lot” items:**

- How do we address over population? EAB?
 - Explain and include the quota setting formula shared on the DNR website
 - If the harvest target/goal = 3000 deer & the success rate for tags is 30% then 9,000 permits would need to be sold to reach the target.
 - Related to “B.2. Base Antlerless Permit Quotas on DMU historical demand”
 - In the above example, there is a misconception that the goal is to harvest 9,000 deer. Since 9,000 tags are never purchased, DNR should reduce antlerless tags to coincide with the highest number of tags sold/DMU
 - Consider the expansion of group hunting to archery season
 - Consider the expansion of bonus buck to areas outside CWD MZ
 - Antlerless only season (long and late)
 - Weighted system for Bonus Buck Statewide
 - Discuss the Mississippi model of deer management
 - Consider the reinstatement of land owner permits in the CWD zone with a shorter season

- **Science & Research – Finalize discussions and implementation proposals for:**

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2:45 – 3:00

Action Team Report Outs and Wrap Up

- Each Action Team will review Implementation Action Item Proposals developed throughout the day.
- Identify information needs and assignments for the next meeting